(c) No, Sir. However, the following steps have been taken to enhance purchase of khadi and village industries products by Central and State Government Ministries/Departments/Organisations/RSUs:—

(i) Various Ministries of the Central Government have issued instructions to their offices and PSUs to make local purchase of stationery and other articles from the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

(ii) A number of khadi and village industries (KVI) items are covered under the Rate Contract System of the Directorate General of Supply and Disposals, Government of India. Besides, in order to ensure smooth supply of KVI products to Government Ministries/ Departments, PSUs, etc., KVIC has decentralized Government supply activities in the Khadi Gramodyog Bhawans located at Mumbai, Patna, Kolkata, Bangalore, Bhopal and New Delhi.

(iii) The Railway Board has also issued a circular directing all zonal railways to procure kulhars, polyvastra bed sheets and pillow covers from the KVIC.

Traditional and cottage industries

†133. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of several steps taken by Government for improving the traditional and cottage industries during the last few years, the migration of rural youths in search of jobs towards the cities has increased manifold;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to ascertain the reasons for migration of youth to the cities from village;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to check this tendency?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Migration from rural areas to cities in search of employment does take place in India. The Central Government (in the Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries) has, however, not conducted any survey on this subject.

(e) The Central Government (in Ministry of Agro & Rural Industries) has been implementing two credit linked subsidy schemes for employment generation, namely, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY).

The target for the 10th Plan period under REGP is to generate 25 lakh additional employment opportunities in the rural areas. The progress under the REGP during the last three years is given in the table below:

Year	Number of projects financed	Employment (lakh persons)
2002-03	21,024	3.61
2003-04	24,747	4.71
2004-05	23,453	5.31

The target for 2005-06 under REGP is creation of 5.5 lakh job opportunities.

The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is implemented in both rural and urban areas (with approximately 50 per cent of the units being in rural areas), for providing self-employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth. PMRY is implemented through the District Industries Centres of the States and Union Territories. The target for 10th Plan period under PMRY in 16.5 lakh additional employment opportunities. The progress under the PMRY during the last three years is given below:

Year	Employment (in lakh persons)
2002-03	2.85
2003-04	3.26
2004-05	3.53*

*Provisional

The target for 2005-06 is to generate 3.75 additional employment opportunities.

Central Government (in the Ministry of Rural Development) also implements several self-employment and wage employment programmes in the rural areas, viz. Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Gram Sadak Yojana.

Package for tiny sector

134. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any policy initiative or separate package of incentives for tiny sector to improve their competitive Resilience;

(b) whether there is inter sectoral coordination and cooperation mechanism among the concerned ministers and other ministries;

(c) whether a 'Swot' analysis was done on the working of small scale and tiny sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Government has been taking policy initiatives and implementing promotional packages from time to time to provide incentives to the small scale, including the tiny, industries for their development and enhancing their competitiveness.

(b) Ministry of Small Scale Industries (SSI) and Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries (ARI) regularly consult each other in formulating policies and schemes for the development of small scale, including tiny industries. Besides, other Ministries and Departments of the Central Government as well as State Governments are consulted from time to time based on the nature of issues under consideration.

(c) and (d) The Government has, over the years, commissioned several studies and surveys on various issues concerning the small scale industries including tiny industries. While throwing light on the strengths and weakness of the sector as well as the opportunities and threats